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Office Action Summary

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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2,4,6-12 and 22-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2, 4, 6-12, and 22-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection.

Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114.

Applicant's submission filed on 08 July 2005 has been entered.

Response to Amendment

The Applicant amended independent claims 22 and 23. All pending claims (2, 4, 6-12, and 22-25) were examined in this non-final office action.

Response to Arguments

The Applicant specifically requested the After final amendment not be entered and offered no subsequent arguments to the previous rejection. The Examiner, however, reviewed Covington's structures and methods and concluded that Covington's disclosures and teachings are significant in addressing the Applicant's claimed invention. Clearly Covington discloses: separating the search process from the actual buying process, creating wish lists either online or by physical scanning using a PDA, transferring wish lists into electronic shopping

carts and downloading the electronic shopping cart into a PDA (cradle with physical electrical connection or wireless connection) (see at least paragraphs 0016, 0070, 0072, and 0149). There is absolutely nothing to prevent the creator of the shopping cart information from using the PDA with downloaded shopping cart information as any other customer would use it for information and shopping. Once downloaded into the PDA, the user can access the shopping cart information stored into internal PDA memory away from the computer. The user is in control of the PDA while using it and in control of the computer while using it for online access to electronic retailers.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

- 1. Claims 2, 4, 6, 8-12, 22, 24, and 25 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Covington et al. (Paper #20041018, patent application number 2003/0154135 hereinafter referred to as "Covington").**

Covington teaches all the limitations of Claims 2, 4, 6, 8-12, 22, 24, and 25.

For example, Covington discloses an interactive system and method for

shopping that separates the shopping process from the buying process.

Covington discloses a consumer using a computer remotely connected to online web merchants over the Internet, the consumer browsing and creating wish lists and shopping cart lists and downloading these lists from the web sever to the remotely connected computer to the PDA or directly to the PDA (see at least abstract; Fig. 1 (10); pages 1-2, 0012-0016; page 13, 0149). Covington further discloses:

- Accessing the information items at a website: in-store, in-mall and online shopping using a web browser to navigate (see at least Fig. 1 (28, 32); page 4, 0066).
- Searching a database: web site includes a web server, database organized for rapid search and retrieval (see at least Fig. 1 (38); page 4, 0069-0072).
- Placing the information items in an information shopping cart at the website: consumer selects products and places selected items into shopping cart; transfers wish list to shopping cart (see at least Fig. 11 (312, 410); Fig. 14 a-b; Fig. 28; page 8, 0106; page 9, 0110-0111, 0149).
- Transmitting the information shopping cart having the selected information items to a portable device: server transmits scan lists, wish lists, shopping cart data directly to PDA via a wireless data connection; downloads via an interface cradle; retailer name displayed (please note examiner's interpretation: branding information); shopping portal domain name used

to access web site (please note examiner's interpretation: necessary for any device used to transact purchases from shopping cart) (see at least Fig. 28; page 4, 0068; page 13, 0149; page 15, 0166).

- Accessing information in PDA away from computer: Inherent in Covington are the structures necessary to permit the access and viewing of shopping cart information or other information stored in internal PDA memory.
- Naming information: consumer names wish lists and transfers named wish lists to PDA as noted above (see at least page 9, 0110; page 16, 0175).
- Directory: provides a directory (see at least page 4, 0069)
- Languages and protocols: HTML, Java, XML, JavaScript, SHTML (see at least page 4, 0069).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. **Claim 7 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Covington (Paper #20041018, patent application number 2003/0154135), in view of Communications Today (Paper # 2, PTO-892, Item: U hereinafter referred to as "CT").**

Covington teaches all the above as noted under the 102(e) rejection and teaches a) consumer viewing transmitted information from the web site using various formats, and b) consumers using a PDA to interact with a web shopping service, but does not disclose the user selecting the format. CT teaches a wireless Internet service that allows users to choose from four display screen formats as their starting point for browsing the wireless Web (U: see at least page 1). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at time of the invention to modify the method of Covington to allow consumers to select a screen format as taught by CT, in order to accommodate consumer preferences, and thereby attract consumers to the commerce service.

3. **Claim 23 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Covington (Paper #20041018, patent application number 2003/0154135), in view of Reed et al. (Paper #20041018, patent number 5,862,325 hereinafter referred to as "Reed").**

Covington teaches an interactive system and method for shopping that separates the shopping process from the buying process. Covington teaches a consumer using a computer remotely connected to online web merchants over the Internet, the consumer browsing and creating wish lists and shopping cart lists and downloading these lists from the web sever to the remotely connected computer to the PDA or directly to the PDA (see at least abstract; Fig. 1 (10); pages 1-2, 0012-0016; page 13, 0149). Covington further teaches:

- Accessing the information items at a website: in-store, in-mall and online shopping using a web browser to navigate (see at least Fig. 1 (28, 32); page 4, 0066).
- Searching a database: web site includes a web server, database organized for rapid search and retrieval (see at least Fig. 1 (38); page 4, 0069-0072).
- Placing the information items in an information shopping cart at the website: consumer selects products and places selected items into shopping cart; transfers wish list to shopping cart (see at least Fig. 11 (312, 410); Fig. 14 a-b; page 8, 0106; page 9, 0110-0111; page 13, 0149).
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- Accessing and displaying information in PDA away from computer:
Inherent in Covington are the structures necessary to permit the access and viewing of shopping cart information or other information stored in internal PDA memory.

- Naming information: consumer names wish lists and transfers named wish lists to PDA as noted above (see at least page 9, 0110; page 16, 0175).
- Directory: provides a directory (see at least page 4, 0069)
- Languages and protocols: HTML, Java, XML, JavaScript, SHTML (see at least page 4, 0069).

Covington teaches all the above as noted under the 103(a) rejection and teaches a) communicating information to consumers, and b) providing directory service and indexes but does not disclose a yellow pages directory. Reed teaches transferring data, metadata, and method from a provider computer to a consumer computer. Reed further teaches a yellow pages directory service used to classify and represent a large database of objects communicated to consumers (see at abstract; least col. 98, lines 62-67). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at time of the invention to modify the method of Covington to implement a yellow pages directory as taught by Reed, in order to classify and communicate a large database of objects to consumers, and thereby attract consumers to the service.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

- Dillich, Sandra; "Giving customers a hand," Computer Dealer News, 24 March 2000, v16i6pg29, Proquest #53964377, 4pgs; teaches creating shopping lists using a PDA.
- Chan, Sharon; "Accessorize you Palm," Seattle Times, 16 July 2000, Proquest #56471598, 4pgs; teaches Palm application that stores shopping lists for up to 15 stores.
- Business Wire; "SNAZ.com announces its initiative to launch the world's first wireless universal shopping cart," 07 March 2000, Proquest #52496875, 2pgs; teaches consumers accessing saved shopping lists from their mobile devices and conducting wireless electronic shopping using a universal shopping cart.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert M. Pond whose telephone number is 571-272-6760. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ms. Wynn Coggins can be reached on 703-308-1344. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert M. Pond', written in a cursive style.

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Primary Examiner
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